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Send 2 Cent stamp and 25 Cents in money for immediate reply.  
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Capt. Frank R. Steward, who made such a splendid record in the Philippines, is now practicing law in Pittsburgh, and meeting with gratifying success. He was in the city this week, circulating among old friends. His father, now a chaplain in the 24th Infantry, was at one time pastor of the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church in this city, and is the most highly-regarded minister that ever held that charge.

### CITY IN BRIEF.

H. Earnest Cuney has returned from a business trip to Havana, Cuba.

The Southern Hotel is fortunate in having as its chef Mr. L. C. Ellis who is a master in his department. He takes special pride in catering to the patrons at the Southern.

A single gentleman desiring a bright furnished room with board in nice neighborhood and only half a block from Ninth street car line should inquire at 941 T street northwest.

Two gentlemen can secure large, furnished, front room, southern exposure, half block of car line, with board by addressing B. M. J. in care Colored American office, 459 C street, n. w.

Col. Jack M. Ryan, former proprietor of the Southern Hotel has purchased a new place of business on B street, between 6th and 7th, opposite the Pennsylvania Depot. It will be opened for business in a few days and Col. Ryan extends an invitation to all of his friends to come to see him.

Have you been to 1235 7th street, n. w., yet? If you have not you must go there. Capt. Slocum is there and has one of the best appointed places in the city. He is the first colored man to get bar room license in that section of the city and we learn he and his partner are doing a land office business.

To spend Sunday in Baltimore is becoming a fad around Washington. Last Sunday quite a delegation of Washingtonians went over and spent a few pleasant hours at the Waldorf and other places. Among those were Mr. A. J. Gaskins, J. W. Gray, L. P. Postley, Will Fossett and W. A. Slocum.

The dedication of the John Wesley A. M. E. Zion church, 18th street, will take place tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock. Owing to the inability of Bishop Walters to be present, Bishop G. W. Clinton will deliver the dedicatory address. The exercises will be unusually interesting, and Dr. B. J. Bolding expects a large attendance.

The sixty days' suspension announced by the directors of the Capital Savings Bank expires January 24th, at which time a full report of the assets and liabilities will be made public, and the future of the institution announced. It is assured that the assets will more than liquidate all claims, and resumption of business will be arranged for, if circumstances are propitious.

Mr. George H. Dickson, the well known broker has moved to 1009 19th street n. w. Mr. Dickson is one of the most active and aggressive young business men in the city and counts his friends by the score. He is in a position to accommodate his friends and patrons with small or large amounts of money on short notice and on reasonable securities. All business is strictly confidential.

Mr. J. W. Cusberd one of the most popular men in the Pullman service and an old Washington boy is in the city visiting his mother at 628 S street n. w. He has just completed a tour of the great northwest, going as far as Vancouver, B. C. in the party with the Prince of Siam. His mother who is nearly seventy years old is seriously ill and his visit is to see her and his relatives. Mr. Cusberd is a model young man and only a few months ago came to the city to the bedside of his dying father and looked after the funeral and other expenses. He will be in the city for a few days.

Proceedings in equity have been instituted in the Supreme Court of the District by Joseph Dammann against David Moore, Leonard C. Bailey and Mary A. Bailey. It is set forth that the defendants bargained and sold to the plaintiff the premises known as 227, 229, 231 and 233 D street northwest, and after having accepted a deposit the defendants abrogated the contract, having received a better offer. The court is asked to compel compliance with the covenants entered into by Moore and the Baileys.

## The Grand Fountain of the United Order of True Reformers

Is the leading Colored Fraternal Society of the United States. It was organized January, 1881, by William W. Browne, and chartered in April, 1883, under the laws of the State of Virginia, with headquarters at Richmond, Va. Its membership is both male and female, and consists of all persons of good health from 14 to 60 years of age. Its membership of 60,000 is divided into Fountains and Circles. It pays sick benefits from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per week, and pays death benefits from \$24.50 to \$1000.

**BENEFITS PAID**—Total benefits paid to date: Sick dues, \$1,500,000; death benefits, \$714,378.75.

**SENIOR FOUNTAINS**—A Fountain may be organized consisting of 20 or more persons not over 50 years of age paying a joining fee of from \$4.60 to \$5.10 each. The monthly dues are not less than 35 cents in rural districts and not less than 50 cents per month in towns and cities, and a semi-annual tax of 40 cents paid in January and July of each year. Sick benefits paid are from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per week, while death benefits range from \$75 to \$125. A Fountain may be organized in any locality on application to Rev. W. L. Taylor, G. W. Master, or to any of his authorized deputies.

**ROSEBUDS**—For the proper training of the young and their development in thrift, industry and brotherly love, there has been formed a Children's Department known as the Rosebuds. Twenty or more children not less than three nor more than fourteen years of age may form a Rosebud, upon the payment of \$1 each. This department, like the Senior Fountain, pays sick benefits from \$1 to twenty-five cents per week, and death benefits from \$24.50 to \$37. The monthly dues are fifteen cents per month.

**CLASSES**—Persons desiring to leave their beneficiaries at death a larger amount than is paid from Fountain Department, take out policies in one or more of the Classes of the Mutual Benefit Degree. The members of this degree are divided into Circles, and pay joining fees and dues according to the following tables:

Class "B"						Class "E"					
Age	Joining fee	Value of Certificate after one year	Value of Certificate before one year	Annual Dues	Quarterly Dues	Age	Joining fee	Value of Certificate after one year	Value of Certificate before one year	Annual Dues	Quarterly Dues
14 to 25	\$2.50	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$1.75	\$1.20	14 to 25	\$5.00	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$9.50	\$2.40
25 to 30	2.75	200.00	100.00	1.75	1.20	25 to 30	5.25	500.00	250.00	9.50	2.40
30 to 35	3.00	200.00	100.00	1.75	1.20	30 to 35	5.50	500.00	250.00	9.50	2.40
35 to 40	3.25	200.00	100.00	1.75	1.43	35 to 40	5.75	500.00	250.00	10.40	2.60
40 to 45	3.50	140.00	70.00	1.57	1.43	40 to 45	6.00	450.00	225.00	10.40	2.60
45 to 50	3.75	115.00	58.00	1.65	1.66	45 to 50	6.25	400.00	200.00	11.40	2.88
50 to 55	4.00	70.00	45.00	1.65	1.66	50 to 55	6.50	350.00	175.00	11.40	2.88
55 to 60	4.25	65.00	33.00	1.60	1.90	55 to 60	6.50	350.00	175.00	11.40	2.88

Class "M"					REGALIA				
Age	Joining fee	Value of Certificate	Annual dues	Quarterly dues	The members of the Fountains and Rosebuds of the organization wear no expensive regalia. The regalia of the organization is simple and its cost will be in the easy reach of all, costing from 10 cents to \$3. The same is made by the organization in what is known as the Regalia Department.				
14 to 30	\$11.00	\$1000.00	\$21.90	\$5.25	THE SAVINGS BANK—In March, 1888, there was granted by the Legislature of Virginia a charter to the Savings Bank of the Grand Fountain United Order of True Reformers, capital stock \$100,000. The bank commenced business April 3, 1889, and from that time down to the present has steadily increased in volume of business. It now has a paid up capital stock of \$100,000. From the humble sum of \$1,268.69, deposited the first day the bank opened for business in 1889 the deposits have grown to \$350,558, and the volume of business transacted amounts to \$6,190,141.47. During the financial panic of 1893, the Savings Bank of the Grand Fountain was the only bank in the city of Richmond that did not cease to pay cash on all checks presented, while the majority of other banks were using script and clearing house checks. This bank had its origin in the brain of William W. Browne, an ex-slave of Haversham, Ga. The banking house is located at 604 North Second Street, Richmond, Va., Rev. W. L. Taylor, President; R. T. Hill, Cashier.				
30 to 35	12.00	1000.00	22.00	5.50					
35 to 40	12.00	905.00	23.00	5.75					
40 to 45	13.00	800.00	24.00	6.00					
45 to 50	13.00	700.00	25.00	6.25					

**REAL ESTATE DEPARTMENT**—The Real Estate Department has charge of all the real property to the amount of \$220,221.65, situated in various States, consisting of 13 magnificent buildings used as halls, 8 dwellings, 1 hotel, 5 stores and three farms. It also has under its control 16 large buildings leased by it. This department is under the management of Lawyer J. C. Robertson, chief of real estate and attorney for the association, office at 608 N. 2nd Street, Richmond, Va.

**REFORMERS MERCANTILE AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION**—Was chartered under the laws of the State of Virginia on the 14th day of December, 1899, with principal office in the city of Richmond, Va. The purpose of this association is to conduct stores (wholesale and retail), buy and sell real property, manage and control hotels, manufacturing establishments, and do general business. The association has in operation Hotel Reformer, 900 N. Sixth Street, Richmond, Va. It is a modern up-to-date structure, heated by steam, cold and hot water baths, also electric cars passing the door. This hotel has accommodations for 150 guests. Mr. A. W. Holmes is manager, and Mr. T. W. Taylor is clerk. It has in operation a system of five stores, located as follows: Richmond, Va.; Washington, D. C.; Manchester, Va.; Portsmouth, Va.; and Roanoke, Va. The first of these stores, at Richmond, Va., was opened April 3d, 1900. It employs a force of 18 men, runs three delivery wagons, and during the first year did \$50,000 worth of business. The other stores have been established since, and have been equally as prosperous. The general manager of the system of stores is Mr. B. L. Jordan, headquarters at 608 N. Second Street, Richmond, Va. This Association was formed on the plans and recommendations made by Rev. W. L. Taylor, its President.

**THE REFORMER PRINTING DEPARTMENT**—Issues a weekly journal, THE REFORMER, which has a circulation of 12,000. This paper is published in the interest of the race, and discusses the leading questions of the day. The subscription price is \$1 per year, or 5c per single copy. The office is equipped with modern up-to-date machinery, run by electricity. It prints anything from a visiting card to a poster 42 by 62 inches. Fine job work of every class and description is made a specialty at lowest prices. Mr. E. W. Brown is editor and business manager, office 608 N. Second Street, Richmond, Va. Correspondence solicited and agents wanted.

**OLD FOLKS' HOME**—In September, 1893, Rev. William W. Brown recommended the formation and establishment of Old Folks' Homes for the benefit of old and decrepit members of the race. Since that time the valuable farm known as Westham, consisting of 634 1/4 acres, located six miles from Richmond, Va., on the historic "James," has been purchased, at a cost of \$14,490. The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad runs through the farm, and Westham Station is located on it. Adjoining this farm is Westham Park, one of the most pleasant resorts in the South in summer. It is reached in a few minutes from Richmond by the Westham Electric Railway and the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway. As this home is for the benefit of the whole race, the co-operation of all charitable friends is prayerfully solicited. All contributions, donations and bequests of every character will be very thankfully received. Mr. T. W. Taylor is chief in charge of the Old Folks' Home, offices at 608 North Second Street, Richmond, Va.

Rev. W. L. Taylor, G. W. M. W. P. Burrell, G. W. S.  
601-6-8 N. Second Street, Richmond, Va.